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OPEN LETTER TO A DOCTOR

DEAR DR. RITENOUR You occupy a unique position in State College Not only are you President of the State College Board of Health but you are also Director of the College Health Service

Therefore, Doctor, in you are vested the health destinies of approximately 12,000 persons—human beings like you—self, Doctor. You must recognize that you are a grave responsibility

With baffled alarm we have scanned your statements. And with more baffled alarm we view your attitude toward the housing crisis in State College

You've never gone through some of the rooming houses in State College, Doctor Ritenour. We have. You've never seen conditions—dirt packed to floors, filthy wallpaper, cage-like rooms,

You wouldn't say, Doctor, that "you can crowd six students into one room but if there are no monies to health, the Board of Health can do nothing"

You wouldn't tell us, Doctor, that it's all a matter of the student being old enough to know what he's taking, that it's all a matter of supply and demand

We're sorry to disillusion you, but the student really hasn't any choice, Doctor. He'll take what he can get, and what he can get in most instances is not what he wants

And under what conditions, Doctor, are hundreds of students going to live until your supply exceeds the demand? Is it all so hopeless as you say it is?

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Doctor, lodges in the Board of Health tremendous and necessary powers. According to Article XXXVIII, Section 6 of Pennsylvania Borough Law it shall be the duty of the Board of Health to "enforce the laws of the Commonwealth, the regulations of the State Department of Health, and to make and enforce such additional rules and regulations to prevent the introduction and spread of infectious or contagious diseases"

Section 7 of the Article reads "Said board of health shall have the power... to enter, at any time upon any premises in the borough... upon which there is suspected to be any infectious or contagious disease, of nuisance detrimental to the public health, for the purpose of examining and abating the same"

You have it in black and white, Doctor. You must realize that those proprietors whose homes do not conform to health standards would not invite inspection. It's human nature, Doctor

As President of the State College Board of Health, as Director of the College Health Service, as a member of the College Senate Committee on Student Welfare, the Collegian calls upon you, Doctor Ritenour, in the name of students and right-thinking citizens of State College, to reconsider before it's too late.—E R

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

Several persons have called the Collegian's attention to an incidental situation regarding the time at which single athletic events in Rec Hall are scheduled.

Why, the Collegian has been asked, are single events persistently booked for 8 p m when they might just as easily begin at 7 p m?

As far as the Collegian is concerned, the whole timing matter is every bit as broad as it is long. It is for the benefit of those individuals who insist that single events should start at 7 p m, the Collegian has gone to the trouble of finding out just why the Athletic Association schedules these events for 8 o'clock. Here's why:

1—Since boxes, and wrestlers must weigh in from four to five hours before, each meet, and since they must eat sometime between the bout and weighing-in ceremonies, it is only fair for them to have sufficient time to rest between meal and fight time

2—Visiting teams are often late in arriving, and that extra hour of rest is the least courtesy that can be extended them. Then too, playing so soon after eating, is not the best thing for any athlete. This is especially true in basketball.

3—The Athletic Association is making an effort to standardize the time of games so as not to confuse either public or student body. And

4—By scheduling events at 8 p m, the Athletic Association feels that the after-dinner, catch-as-catch-can scramble for seats on the part of spectators is eliminated.—R. L. W.

OLD MANIA

No Matter: If she's a beautiful Kappa On Gamma Phi go-getter She's not worth a damn In an angora sweater

Campus Personalities No. 2: The Boo-Boo

(With a copy-cat's apologies to Munio, Leaf) Rec Hall is the habitat of many curious animals. Chief among these is the Boo-Boo. It looks like a person. Sometimes you would swear it was a person. Yet it can't be. It seldom knows anything about basketball rules. And wants everyone to know it. It just boos. And boos. And boos. Sometime we hope the Boo-Boo will become so obvious that his neighbors will liquidate him. It would be a leap in the right direction. Were you a Boo-Boo today?

In Our Letter Box:

Signing themselves Three Graduating Seniors, some of our readers sent in the following list of super Penn State coeds. We feel sort of like a high school year book, but anyhow

- Nicest eyes Ruth Reynolds Nicest hair Lou Emmett Nicest smile Jane Gubei Nicest legs Mae Weinger Nicest build Harriet Stubbs Nicest personality Peggy Schaeffer Most Attractive Winnie Byschoff Best Dressed Emma Jennings Most beautiful Mary Ann Fitts Best politician Peggy Jones Too late for classification Chis Meyers, Leslie Lewis, Maricella Anderson, and Dotty Walton Most over-rated Jo Condim

To almost all of which we readily agree, but we think that Jo Condim, as a result of malicious cat-talk, is actually the most under-rated coed on campus. And many thanks to the individuals who took the time to write in. The only thing, we didn't like about it was that it was addressed, "To the Mamie or any other stupid individual"

Truck, Trash, Tripe:

It was one of those old-fashioned, week-ends sleigh rides, snow-ball fights, hot chocolate, roasting log fires, and virtually no sex at all that is, none to speak of, by coincidence, Governor James was on the same train with the basketball team going to Philly. When he met them, he said that they had better beat Temple or he would cut our appropriation personally, we think he was just looking for an excuse

Harriet King returned to the dorms late Saturday night. All because she couldn't find her shoes at the Theta Kappa Phi party. tsk! tsk! our boy Kockmaker and Len Frank were treated to a home-made supper by Sophie Marsel and Zeena Singer Saturday night. They couldn't eat all day Sunday. Anticipating his date with Pat Patton, cute frosh, on Sunday night, Cliff McWilliams had a nice action picture taken of himself in his varsity basketball uniform, had it framed, autographed and placed in a very conspicuous place in the Pi Kappa clubroom. As anticipated, little Pat obligingly clipped it as soon as Cliff's back was turned

"After all," she defended herself, "all the girls in Mac Hall have a picture of Cliff from the Collegian pasted on their mirrors. I deserve more than that." Phyllis Vaughn denies all reports that she works at the Phi Ep house. She says she would like to get hold of the Mamie personally, Phyllis, we would like to get hold of you among the coming events is the Delta Chi get-together scheduled for early in February at which time the boys of the third floor center are expected to meet the ladies of the second floor team

Monday Afternoon Add:

they still haven't decided on a band for senior ball Co-Chairman Tom Bohl is more concerned with Reita Sheen anyhow. We hate to see some of the mid-year graduating class go. Al Neary, a debater who could sell fire insurance to an asbestos factory

Harriet Ricketts, red-headed dainty gam who can dance with the best of them. We'll miss Joe Andrikakis on the lacrosse team. We understand Ray Fishburne is going to Harvard Law School. Penn State's gain is Harvard's loss. Goodbye Fishburne and give Harvard our condolences. You stink.

Faculty-Student Relations Are Argued By 2 Writers

To the Editor: Friday's editorial, "Divided Against Ourselves" is emphasizing a gap in student faculty relations which not only many students would like to see closed up, but one which many faculty and staff members would like to fill with a cement of friendship and understanding

While it may be true that both faculty and students have a standoffish attitude toward one another, there have been definite attempts to bridge this gap and to bring faculty members and students together on a basis of common interest and understanding. These have come in both curricular and extra-curricular activities of both groups

Without denying that much remains to be accomplished in achieving a better relationship, I would like to cite just a few of the steps which have been taken in that direction. Within the curricula there are many seminars for advanced students allowing freedom of discussion and informal conferences. Individual members of the faculty have invited students into their homes for meals or informal visits and conversations. Frequently faculty members and students are found dining together in the restaurants and eating places of the Boro. Both students and faculty members belong to honorary and social fraternities in which there is ample opportunity for discussion and fellowship. Students and faculty members alike attend athletic cultural and social events. Faculty members serve regularly as judges and officials at athletic events and as chaperones and as guests at parties and social events. Most student organizations have faculty sponsors and advisors who act not only in their official capacities but are part of the group

However, there is another area of contact which has not yet been exploited as fully as it might on an informal basis, namely, informal eating and discussion engagements. Only last week the Collegian carried a story about a plan followed in the women's eating halls of entertaining faculty members at meals. This practice has been followed for a number of years not only in the women's dormitories, but in the men's faculty houses as well. Needless to say it should be encouraged and the plan improved

There has been another plan followed as a project of the Christian Association which is perhaps its most popular activity, namely, Frisbee Sessions. This is an attempt to bring students and faculty members together in the student living centers for the purpose of informal discussions about topics of mutual interest and choosing a committee is now planning the series for this year to begin in March and opportunity will be given to all organized groups or any other group of students who desire to participate to hold two or three such meetings under the leadership of the C A. However, it should be pointed out that it is hoped by the C A that these sessions are only samples of what groups will do all year round and in which we shall be glad to cooperate in making arrangements, choosing topics, securing a speaker or in any other way we can be helpful. The purpose of the project is exactly that of closing the gap in student faculty relationships and of providing an opportunity for exchange of ideas and mutual stimulation

Frisking Sessions is merely one of many things which might be done to promote a better understanding and more friendly relations between students and faculty members. The Christian Association and I personally are ready and willing to cooperate with any individual or group to bring about this end. If anyone reading this letter would like to work on the Frisbee Sessions Committee or has comments about it or has other suggestions for ways in which a better understanding between students and faculty members can be achieved, I shall be happy to receive your suggestions or to talk with you about it

Meanwhile, I suggest that the best way to close this gap and to learn that neither students nor faculty members are "ogres" is to approach them as individuals on a friendly basis and not to be frightened by one's own imagination or what someone else tells you

Jack Putney, P'S C A

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off-the records

"Every little breeze seems to whisper Louise" Remember it? And Maurice Chevalier? Well, Benny Goodman has recorded this old favorite, LOUISE, in keeping with the current "revival" trend. Another old number is the reverse, IT HAD TO BE YOU, and it looks as though it will be more popular in this version than when it first appeared

This week Ford Leary sings THE KERRY DANCERS on Clinton's latest Victor platter. It's an old Irish ballad given a strong 20th century American flavor. Ben Wynn does a charming vocal for Clinton's arrangement of the LULLABY from the opera, "Jockey"

The palm trees sway in swing-time to the tune of Tommy Dozsey's HAWAIIAN WAR CHANT, featuring some good tenor sax. Jack Leonard does another of his super-records on the reverse, MIDNIGHT ON THE TRAIL. And Tommy himself puts the number over with some beautiful trombone work. We were glad to hear Freddy Martin return to wax on on Bluebird, with two numbers from "Paris Honey-moon," THESE FUNNY OLD HILLS and JOOB-ALAI

Both Artie Shaw and Benny Goodman have recorded I HAVE EYES AND YOU'RE A SWEET LITTLE HEADACHE, and we honestly couldn't tell which one we liked the more. They're both tops. Shaw has also waxed THEY SAY and that beautiful number, ROOM WITH A VIEW. Helen Forrest's vocals help put the numbers over

Ella Fitzgerald comes out on Decca with another one of her catchy vocals, STRICTLY FROM DIXIE. You're sure to like it. She sings WOE IS ME on the other side accompanied by her Savoy Eight. Count Basie asks DO YOU WANNA JUMP, CHILDREN? which about fifty per cent capricious, key-tickling by the Count himself. He waxes PANASSIE STOMP on the reverse, dedicated to the noted French swing authority

Pha Terrell sings the vocal for Andy Kirk's recording of GHOST OF LOVE, with a meritorious piece of Kirk swing on the couplet called JUMP JACK-JUMP

SPEAKER



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Prof. Discovers First Edition In Library

Treasure in the form of a rare first edition of Walt Whitman's "Notes and Memoranda" worth from \$50 to \$500 has been found, lying dusty and forgotten, on the shelves of the College library, by J J Rubin, instructor in English composition

The book, a collection of poems dealing with Whitman's Civil War experiences, was published by the author himself while living in Camden, N J, in 1876

Rubin, its finder, said "I have looked through the largest libraries of New York city without finding a copy of the book. Since the copy is in almost perfect condition, it is probably worth close to \$500"

Willard P Lewis, College Librarian, announced that the book will be placed in the library's "Treasure Collection"

Food statisticians have estimated that University of Minnesota freshmen, at their annual bean feed, will consume 95,000 beans, 900 frankfurters

Exhibit Of Russian Architecture Held

Circulated by the American Federation of Art, an exhibit of pre-revolutionary and contemporary Russian architecture is now on display in the College art gallery third floor Main Engineering building

The display, a survey of Russian architecture, includes floor plans, diagrams, and photographs of structures already standing or structures to be built in the near future. The exhibit is open to the public daily from 8.30 a m. to 5.30 p m

Professors Get Quiz

A questionnaire on parking conditions has been sent out to members of the College staff by the local chapter of the American Association of University Professors. The object of the survey is to determine if parking conditions of the campus are satisfactory

Eugene H. Lederer

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